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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
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SUBJECT: 1983 Program Levels Under the Continuing Resolution

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1. The President signed into law on Saturday, 2 October 1982 a Continuing Resolution providing funding for all federal government agencies until 17 December 1982 or the enactment of regular appropriations, whichever comes sooner. We believe there is a good chance that we will be operating under a Continuing Resolution into January of 1983.

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The formula translates for CIA into a permissible monthly rate of 1/12th of last year's total obligations plus 11 percent. In addition, the Resolution contains a limitation on new starts:

"...no appropriation or fund made available or authority granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during the fiscal year 1982..."

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3. We should be in relatively good shape under this formula because of the normally slow start on non-personal services obligations during the first few months of the year. Nonetheless, program managers should exercise some restraint and carefully monitor the execution of the planned 1983 program to ensure we do not exceed the statutory limitation. In this regard, the following guidelines should be adopted:

- a. Proceed in executing the program consistent with the approved 1983 Authorization Bill;
- b. Obligate for service and other contracts, where possible, on a month-to-month basis rather than for the whole year;

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- c. To the extent possible, defer major procurements unless such delay will adversely impact programmed activity or significantly increase costs;
- d. Advise this office in advance of any planned obligations which would result in the directorate exceeding the 1/12th plus 11 percent limitation or before undertaking any activity which might be considered a new start.

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